Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A fibrous web comprising:

an amount of solids, wherein the solids include fibrous material, and a filler embedded throughout ~~included within~~ the fibrous web, wherein the filler is a substance in a granular form, having a rotationally symmetrical shape and an inner part and a crust part, whereby the density of the inner part is lower than the crust part, the granular form settles in spaces between a plurality of fibers of the fibrous material so that bonds between the plurality of fibers of the fibrous material are maintained, wherein

the density of the inner part is about 10 to 90% of that of the crust part, and

the amount of filler used is within the range of approximately 30 to approximately 60% of the amount of solids.

2. (Previously Presented) The fibrous web according to Claim 1, wherein the density of the inner part of the filler granule is about 40 to 80% of that of the crust part.

3. (Previously Presented) The fibrous web according to Claim 1, wherein the filler granule consists of pigment particles and a binder.

4. (Previously Presented) The fibrous web according to Claim 1, wherein the density of the pigment particles is 1500 to 7000 kg/m^3.

5. (Previously Presented) The fibrous web according to Claim 1, wherein the density of the filler granule is 400 to 6300 kg/m^3 whereby the density of the inner part is about 50 to 5700 kg/m^3 and the density of the crust part is about 600 to 6300 kg/m^3.

6. (Previously Presented) The fibrous web according to Claim 1, wherein the inner part of the filler granule contains rougher pigment particles in relation to the crust part.

7. (Previously Presented) The fibrous web according to Claim 1, wherein the porosity of the inner part of the filler granule is higher than that of the crust part, whereby the pore volume of the inner part is 10 to 70% by volume.

8. (Previously Presented) The fibrous web according to Claim 1, wherein the crust part of the filler granule comprises metal silicate, metal sulphate or metal carbonate particles, which are bound to one another by means of a cross-linked binder, whereby they form a fine and flexible coat that surrounds the inner part.

9. (Previously Presented) The fibrous web according to Claim 1, wherein the filler particles of the filler granule comprise any inorganic substance.

10. (Previously Presented) The fibrous web according to Claim 1, wherein the particle size (ϕ) of the granulated filler is 1 to 100 μm.

11. (Previously Presented) The fibrous web according to Claim 1, wherein the substance in the granular form is plastically deformable under the effect of pressure and/or temperature.

12. (Previously Presented) The fibrous web according to Claim 1, wherein the bonding strength of the fibrous web is essentially the same as that of a corresponding fibrous web that contains no filler.

13. (Previously Presented) The fibrous web according to Claim 1, including over 30% by weight of the filler in granular form.

14-24. (Cancelled)

25. (Previously Presented) The fibrous web according to Claim 1, wherein the amount of filler used is 30% to 60% of the amount of solids.

26. (Previously Presented) The fibrous web of claim 1, further comprising a coating composition which coats the amount of solids.

27. (Currently Amended) A fibrous web comprising:

a plurality of fibers; and

a filler <u>embedded throughout</u> ~~received in between~~ the plurality of fibers, wherein the filler includes a granular form which is rotationally symmetrical and which includes a crust portion and an inner portion having a density in the range of 10 percent to 90 percent of the crust portion, the fibrous web containing in the range of 30 percent to 60 percent by weight of the granular form of the filler, and the fibrous web having a level of smoothness in the range of 2.5 to 3.5 .

28. (Previously Presented) The fibrous web of claim 27, further comprising a coating composition which coats the plurality of fibers and the filler.

29. (Previously Presented) The fibrous web of claim 27, wherein the density of the inner portion of the granular form is in the range of about 40 to 80 of the crust portion of the granular form.

30. (Previously Presented) The fibrous web of claim 29, wherein the granular form consists of pigment particles and a binder.

31. (Previously Presented) The fibrous web of claim 30, wherein the inner portion of the granular form contains rougher pigment particles than the crust portion of the granular form.

32. (Previously Presented) The fibrous web of claim 27, wherein a porosity of the inner portion of the granular form is higher than the crust portion of the granular form, whereby a pore volume of the inner portion of the granular form is 10 to 70% by volume.

32. (Previously Presented) The fibrous web of claim 27, wherein the crust portion of the granular form comprises metal silicate, metal sulphate or metal carbonate particles, which are bound to one another with a cross-linked binder to form a fine and flexible coat that surrounds the inner portion of the granular form.

33. (Previously Presented) The fibrous web of claim 27, wherein a particle size of the granular form is 1 to 100 μm.

34. (Previously Presented) The fibrous web of claim 27, wherein the filler is plastically deformable.